

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner which comprises:

a cleaner body with a fan unit;

a vacuum tube having a suction hole at a distal end thereof;

a dust collection container which is approximately cylinder-shaped, having a bottom;

an attachment portion for detachably attaching said dust collection container, said attachment portion being mounted to the cleaner body ~~or to the vacuum tube~~;

a first air path extending from said suction hole to said attachment portion in a manner capable of communicating with said dust collection container;

a second air path extending from said attachment portion to said fan unit, communicating with said dust collection container;

wherein a vortex flow generating member is provided in an opening of said dust collection container, said vortex flow generating member comprising:

a base which is formed into a shape of a short cylinder or a truncated cone;

an airflow guide provided on a side surface of said base;

a first vent hole provided at an end of said base;

a second vent hole provided at the ~~another~~ side surface of said base; and a filter provided in each of said first and second vent holes.

2. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein a skirt portion is provided around a periphery of said first vent hole.

3. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein said vortex flow generating member further comprises a flange portion resting on a plurality of ribs formed on an inside surface of the opening of said dust collection container; and an inclined guide provided between said flange portion and a bottom of said airflow guide.

4. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 2, wherein said vortex flow generating member further comprises a flange portion resting on a plurality of ribs formed on an inside surface of the opening of said dust collection container; and an inclined guide provided between the flange portion and a bottom of said airflow guide.

5. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 1, wherein a filter member including a sack-like filter is provided above said vortex flow generating member.

6. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 2, wherein a filter member including a sack-like filter is provided above said vortex flow generating member.

7. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 3, wherein a filter member including a sack-like filter is provided above said vortex flow generating member.

8. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 4, wherein a filter member including a sack-like filter is provided above said vortex flow generating member.

9. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 5, wherein said filter member comprises a frame made of soft resin.

10. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 6, wherein said filter member comprises a frame made of soft resin.

11. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 7, wherein said filter member comprises a frame made of soft resin.

12. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 8, wherein said frame is brought into close contact with the opening of said dust collection container.

13. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 9, wherein said frame is brought into close contact with the opening of said dust collection container.

14. (Original) A cyclonic vacuum cleaner according to claim 10, wherein said frame is brought into close contact with the opening of said dust collection container.